

TEAM NORFOLK



Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

Norfolk Public Health

April 20, 2016, 1-3pm

Minutes

Welcome / Introductions (Redick)

Zika Overview: Dr. Demetria Lindsay with the Norfolk Health Department provided an overview about the Zika virus. With spikes in reported cases in the Caribbean over the past few months, this virus is an emerging threat. It is primarily transmitted by two types of mosquitos; one of which is more common in the United States and Virginia, is the *Aedes albopictus* also known as the (Asian) tiger mosquito. The Public Health Department is the lead in combating the virus along with the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Public Health is planning and preparing for the virus using the following three fronts:

- **Surveillance and investigation** – focusing on mosquito control and species of mosquitos
- **Prevention** – eliminating standing water around businesses and homes
- **Public education and awareness** – Public Health with support from Environmental Health staff will work with the media outlets to offer public awareness and education

Individuals who have traveled to an area where there is a widespread outbreak of the virus are most at risk. The most common symptoms of the virus are fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis (red eyes). The virus can have major effects for a fetus, causing birth abnormalities in infants, and neurological problems in adults. There is no vaccine to prevent the virus. The plan will be posted to the Team Norfolk plan review portal.

Intelligence Presentation: Mr. Matthew Cyr, Intelligence Officer with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Virginia Fusion Center, provided an overview of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, San Bernadino, and Brussels. For more information or questions about threats, Mr. Cyr may be contacted at: Matthew.Cyr@hq.dhs.gov

Department of Homeland Security Presentation: Mr. Pete Owen, Protective Security Advisor (PSA) for DHS discussed how they are prepared to assist local governments with making public gatherings less vulnerable to attacks. Protective measures for businesses and functions that adversaries may perceive as targets were discussed in detail and broken down into four parts. Part one focused on connecting local businesses with different sectors of law enforcement and emergency management; part two concentrated on security planning and communications, providing detailed information on how to reduce the risk of an attack. The last two parts focused on the importance of training and reporting suspicious activities. If interested in a copy of the full presentation and slides, please email Karen Lovely at Karen.Lovely@Norfolk.gov

Additional training can be found online at the following link: https://nsi.ncirc.gov/training_online.aspx

Hands-Only CPR / Stop the Bleed Presentation: Robert Brant with Norfolk Fire-Rescue (NFR) Training Division, introduced the Hands-Only CPR and the Stop the Bleed campaigns that will be implemented this summer. These proven and effective techniques are used by our first responders. This training can provide bystanders with techniques which may be used to help save a life prior to emergency medical services arriving. Stand by for more information from NF-R on this vital training for both City employees and the community. Brochure attached.

Upcoming Training and Exercises:

- **Norfolk International Airport** will conduct a full scale mass casualty exercise with a focus on family assistance and unification on September 24th
- **Eastern Virginia Medical Center (EVMC)** will conduct a Homeland Security Exercise on May 5, at 9am. The purpose of the drill is to test emergency response plans, policies, and procedures of the emergency facilities of Sentara Norfolk General (SNG) and Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters (CHKD) during a Mass Casualty Incident.
- **Naval Station Norfolk** is conducting a hurricane exercise (HURREX) beginning May 9 and runs through May 20. The first week will be spent tracking the storm and going through checklists to prepare. The exercise will have the storm hit our area approximately Monday, May 16. The remainder of the second week will involve storm recovery. The storms may tracked by viewing the Fleet Weather Center's Public Website at: <https://metoc.ndbc.noaa.gov/ProductFeeds-portlet/img/fwc-n>
- **Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System (HMMRS)** with support from the City of Chesapeake has a drill scheduled for July, regarding the release of a nerve agent, with a full scale drill to follow.
- **The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day** is June 25 & 26. This is an annual communications exercise to test the ability of amateur radio operators to pas large volumes of tactical, health and welfare messages. The operations are conducted out of city parks and runs for 24 hours continuously. For more information, please visit: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>
- **The Norfolk Medical Reserve Corps (NMRC)** will be exercising its spontaneous volunteer management plan by training leadership volunteers to coordinate and manage a volunteer reception center to process spontaneous volunteers into public health operations. The exercise will be held April 30th from 8am -11am at the Salvation Army, 5525 Raby Road, Norfolk.

For your info:

Preparedness Night with the Norfolk Tides at Harbor Park: scheduled for Thursday, June 2nd with the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Brian Moran throwing out the first pitch. Please come out and support the Norfolk Tides along with our effort to educate on the importance of being prepared!

Preparedness Fair: In addition to our Preparedness Night with the Norfolk Tides, we are also incorporating *Norfolk Public Safety Day*. This is an event where we will work together with our private sector partners to promote all-hazards awareness, safety and preparedness. Residents will be able to interact with public safety officials, utility companies, banking institutions, insurance officials, and restoration services personnel. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 4, and join us at the Target Store located at 1245 N Military Highway, from 9am – 1pm.

Operation Brother's Keeper: The next training date is scheduled for Saturday, June 18 from 9am – 12pm (location to be determined). The topic will focus on hurricanes, our team concept, and our processes on how we will keep each other informed before, during and after a storm.

Norfolk Harborfest: Friday, June 10 – Sunday, June 12

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